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1. FOLLOWING IS THIRD OF FOUR MESSAGES IN RESPONSE REFTEL.
IT CONVEYS EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC POINTS PAISED
IN LETTER OF JOYCE HORMAN TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT (PARA 4 REFTEL),
WITHOUT HOWEVER REPEATING COMMENTS ON NUMEROUS POINTS IN
HER LETTER WHICH ALSO APPEAR IN LETTER FROM EDMUND HORMAN
TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND CONCERNING WHICH DEPT IS REFERRED
TO SECOND MESSAGE IN THIS SERIES. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO
PARAS HER LETTER.

2. REF PARA 4, WE PHONED PERTINENT POLICE STATIONS THAT DAY
BECAUSE THAT WAS THE NORMAL AND USUALLY SUCCESSFUL
WAY, AT THE TIME, TO FIND OUT ABOUT REPORTED DETENTIONS.
WE ALSO CHECKED WITH THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPT, EQUALLY WITHOUT
SUCCESS.

3. ALSO RE PARA 4, MRS. HORMAN ASKS WHY PURDY DID NOT GO DIRECTLY
TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM. PURDY HAD BEEN TO THE STADIUM ON
SEPT 16 AND 17 (AND WENT AGAIN ON SEPT 19, THE DAY MRS. HORMAN
REPORTED CHARLES WAS MISSING, AND MANY TIMES THEREAFTER).
IN ALL CASES CONSUL VISITED STADIUM PERSONALLY AND SPOKE WITH
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PRISONERS. ON SEPT 19 AT CONSUL'S REQUEST,
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STADIUM OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY CHECKED LIST OF DETAINEES FOR HORMAN'S
NAME AND REPORTED HE WAS NOT THERE. ON SEPT 20, COL HON'S MILITARY
CONTACTS REPORTED THEY CHECKED STADIUM AND HORMAN NOT THERE.
ON SEPT 21 CONSUL WAS PERSONLLY ABLE TO REVIEW ENTIRE LIST

OF DETAINEES WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE HORMAN.

4. FURTHER RE PARA 4, MRS. HORMAN ASKS WHY PURDY DID NOT CONTACT THE NAVY. THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE NAVY HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT OR INTEREST IN THIS OR ANY OTHER CASE IN THE INLAND CITY OF SANTIAGO.

5. FINALLY RE PARA 4, MRS. HORMAN ASKS WHY WE DID NOT CONTACT THE ARMY, THE AIR FORCE, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. WE DID CHECK WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON SEPT 20, AFTER OTHER PREVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE SOURCES FAILED TO TURN UP ANYTHING.

6. RE PARA 5, IT IS REGRETTABLY UNTRUE THAT MORE "RAPID, FORCEFUL ACTION AT THIS TIME COULD HAVE SAVED CHARLES' LIFE." WE NOW BELIEVE CHARLES HORMAN WAS ALREADY DEAD BEFORE THE EMBASSY RECEIVED ANY WORD ABOUT HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

7. RE PARA 6, THERE IS A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CONSULATE'S ASKING ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HORMAN'S ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDS, WHICH AS DEPT KNOWS IS HARDLY SUSPICIOUS BUT RATHER NORMAL IN THE CASE OF A MISSING AMERICAN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED THUS FAR BY MRS. HORMAN AND OTHER SOURCES WAS NOT ONLY SKIMPY AND CONTRADICTORY, BUT OFTEN, WHEN DOUBLE-CHECKED, ALSO INACCURATE. IF WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT FROM MRS. HORMAN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE LEADS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED.

8. RE PARA 7, MRS. HORMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF HER DISCUSSION WITH PURDY ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S PASSPORT NUMBER OMITS SOME SIGNIFICANT POINTS, BUT IT DOES APPEAR TO BE A CASE OF HER MAKING MUCH OF AN INCIDENT OF NO CONSEQUENCE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHY SHE SHOULD HAVE BECOME SO ANNOYED ABOUT THE REQUEST, EVEN IF IT WERE PERHAPS TRUE THAT THE INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED. INCIDENTALLY, THE ONLY NOTATION ABOUT PASSPORT NUMBER ON THE CARDS KEPT ON THE HORMAN CASE IS IN PURDY'S HANDWRITING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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APPARENTLY ON THIS OCCASION, AS TO PURDY'S COMMENTS ABOUT DOING HIS JOB, HE REMARKED HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE, BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF WORK AT THE CONSULATE, TO GO OUT TO LUNCH WITH COWORKERS SINCE THE COUP. HE DID NOT SAY HE HAD WORKED LATE TWO NIGHTS-- RATHER HE SAID THAT HE HAD SELDOM BEEN HOME EARLIER THAN A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE CURFEW AND HAD SPENT TWO NIGHTS AT THE CONSULATE. IN ONE OF THESE CASES (INTERESTINGLY, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 18TH) HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO GO TO THE CONSULATE AFTER CURFEW, TO MAKE CALLS TO AMERICANS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEAVE CHILE ON A SPECIAL UN FLIGHT THE NEXT DAY. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT PURDY DID MISS HIS BABY'S BIRTHDAY ON THE 18TH, AS THIS IS THE DAY ON WHICH MRS. HORMAN (WHO HAD NOT YET REPORTED HER HUS-

HAND'S DISAPPEARANCE) CLAIMS PURDY AND THE CONSULATE WERE DOING NOTHING.

9. RE PARA 12, IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHEN AND WHERE MRS. HORMAN HAD THE CONVERSATION WITH HER HUSBAND ABOUT HIS CONTACTS WITH MILGP PERSONNEL IN VINA DEL MAR, AS SHE REPORTED TO US THAT SHE HAD NOT SEEN HER HUSBAND SINCE SEPT 10, WHEN HE WENT TO VINA. THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT SHE HAD HAD CONTACT WITH HER HUSBAND AFTER SEPT 10, A RATHER SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF INFORMATION.

10. FURTHER RE PARA 12, COMMENTS RELATING TO CONVERSATIONS WITH US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN VINA, AS ALLEGEDLY RELAYED FROM CHARLES HORMAN TO HIS WIFE JOYCE ARE HEARSAY AND IN ANY EVENT IN NO WAY RELATE TO EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHARLES HORMAN. NAVY SECTION MILGP PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN REQUESTED TO RECALL CONVERSATIONS WITH CHARLES HORMAN AND MISS TERRY SIMON SUGGEST THAT THE CENTRAL THEME OF MOST CONVERSATIONS WAS IN RELATION TO THE PERSONAL PROBLEMS OF THE TWO STRANDED AMERICAN CITIZENS. REGARDLESS OF WHAT ATTITUDES MRS. HORMAN THINKS THESE PEOPLE HAVE, THE FACTS ARE THAT NAVY SECTION PERSONNEL EXTENDED EVERY POSSIBLE COURTESY AND ASSISTANCE IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. DURING THE PERIOD 11-15 SEPT THESE INCLUDE:

A. MISSION OFFICER PROVIDED DAILY CHECK ON THEIR WELFARE AND ADVISED CHARLES HORMAN AND MISS SIMON TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOTEL IN VINA.

B. DURING STRICT MILITARY CONTROL SITUATION IN VALPO, CHARLES HORMAN AND MISS SIMON WERE DRIVEN (ABOUT 13 SEPT) IN NAVY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SECTION CAR BY NAVY MISSION OFFICER FROM VINA HOTEL INTO VALPARAISO TO VISIT THE BRANIFF AIR LINES OFFICE TO GATHER INFO CONCERNING THE COMMENCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR MISS SIMONS.

C. ON 14 SEPT SENT HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT TO PARENTS OF MISS SIMON WITH REQUESTED RELAY TO THOSE OF HORMAN VIA MISSION RADIO TO PANAMA.

D. ON 15 SEPT THIS COUPLE WAS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT AT EXPENSE NAVY SECTION PERSONNEL IN VINA.

E. THE COUPLE WAS OFFERED A LOAN OF MONEY SHOULD THEY REQUIRE IT.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CHARLES HORMAN, BOTH MRS. HORMAN AND MISS SIMON, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE, VOLUNTEERED COMMENTS OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM US MILITARY PERSONNEL.
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